

**ABSTRACT****TEST**

5           The invention provides a method of determining the risk of an individual  
developing a metabolic disorder, the method comprising:

- (i)     detecting in a sample from the individual the presence or absence of  
the ER22/23EK polymorphism in the glucocorticoid receptor gene;  
and
- 10     (ii)   determining the likelihood of the individual developing a metabolic  
disorder, wherein the presence of the ER22/23EK polymorphism is  
indicative of a low risk of developing the metabolic disorder and the  
absence of the ER22/23EK polymorphism is indicative of a high risk  
of developing the metabolic disorder.

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